

Application 10/786,274
Amendment filed 5/11/05
Response to Office Action of 2/17/05

REMARKS

In the Office Action of Feb. 17, 2005, claims 26-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Doyle (U.S. Pat. No. 5,051,551) in view of Wach et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,416,234). Claims 1-25 were deemed allowable. Claims 26-39 have now been canceled without prejudice. With this response claims 1-25 remain in the application and, accordingly, passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

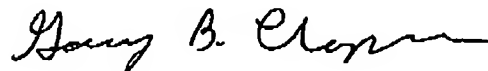
Claims 1-25 were indicated as allowable in the Office Action of Feb. 17, 2005. Claims 26-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection. In the interest of advancing prosecution and without acquiescing to the rejection, claims 26-39 have been canceled without prejudice, rendering this rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in subsequent related applications. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance, and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues related to patentability, the courtesy of a telephone interview is requested, and the Examiner is invited to call to arrange a mutually convenient time.

It is believed that this amendment does not necessitate the payment of any fees. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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